

Office of the Secretary of Defense

§ 161.5

Unremarried. A widow or widower who has never remarried, or a former spouse whose only remarriage was to the same military sponsor (periods of marriage in this case may be combined to document eligibility for former spouse benefits).

Verifying Official (VO). An individual who is responsible for validating eligibility of bona fide beneficiaries to receive benefits and entitlements.

Ward. An unmarried person whose care and physical custody has been entrusted to the sponsor by a legal decree or other instrument that a court of law or placement agency (recognized by the Secretary of Defense) issues. Includes foster children and children for whom a managing conservator has been designated. Wards must be dependent on the sponsor for over half of their support. An identification card issued to a ward may reflect entitlement to medical care benefits with respect to determinations of dependency made on or after July 1, 1994, for children who are placed in the legal custody of the member or former member as a result of an order of a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States (or a territory or possession of the United States) for a period of at least 12 consecutive months; and either:

- (1) Has not attained the age of 21;
- (2) Has not attained the age of 23 and is enrolled in a full-time course of study at an institution of higher learning approved by the administering Secretary;
- (3) Is incapable of self support because of a mental or physical incapacity that occurred while the person was considered a dependent of the member or former member; or
- (4) Is dependent on the member or former member for over one-half of the person's support; resides with the member or former member unless separated by the necessity of military service or to receive institutional care as a result of disability or incapacitation or under such other circumstances as the administering Secretary may by regulation prescribe; and is not a dependent of a member or a former member under any other subparagraph.

Widow. The spouse of a deceased male in the uniformed services.

Widower. The spouse of a deceased female in the uniformed services.

§ 161.4 Policy.

(a) It is DoD policy that a distinct DoD ID card shall be issued to uniformed service members, their dependents, and other eligible individuals and will be used as proof of identity and DoD affiliation.

(b) DoD ID cards shall serve as the Geneva Convention Card for eligible personnel in accordance with DoD Instruction 1000.1, "Identity Cards Required by the Geneva Convention" (available at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/100001p.pdf>).

(c) DoD ID cards shall be issued through a secure and authoritative process in accordance with DoD Directive 1000.25, "DoD Personnel Identity Protection (PIP) Program" (available at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/100025p.pdf>).

(d) The CAC, a form of DoD ID card, shall serve as the Federal Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card for DoD implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, "Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors" (available at http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/laws/gc_1217616624097.shtm).

(e) ID cards, in a form distinct from the CAC, shall be issued and will serve as proof of identity and DoD affiliation for eligible communities that do not require the Federal PIV card that complies with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 and FIPS Publication 201-1, "Personal Identity Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees and Contractors" (available at <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/fips201-1/FIPS-201-1-chng1.pdf>).

§ 161.5 Responsibilities.

(a) The USD(P&R) shall:

(1) Oversee implementation of the procedures within this part.

(2) Establish overall policy and procedures for the issuance of ID cards to members of the uniformed services, their dependents, and other eligible individuals.

(3) Establish minimum acceptable criteria for establishment and confirmation of personal identity, policy for the issuance of the DoD enterprise